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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Liaison Division, OCR

ATTENTION :

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FROM : Chief, Publications Staff, OCR

SUBJECT : Declassification of Certain Data in Despatches  
From US Embassy, Moscow

1. During fiscal year 1961, OCR is planning to continue its series of unclassified reports for limited external distribution. Two of the major reports scheduled for release will include certain data obtainable only from Embassy Moscow Despatches. The data used from the despatches were, in every case, prices for goods and services sold at official retail outlets in the city of Moscow. The despatches are classified Confidential or are restricted to Official Use Only.

2. It is requested that your office obtain permission from the State Department to use these data as Unclassified. No attribution to State Department sources will be made.

3. There is a precedent for this procedure. The RAND Corporation, in compiling similar data for an Unclassified report (Janet G. Chapman, Retail Food Prices in the USSR, 1937-48, RM-707-1, Revised 13 January 1953) received permission from the State Department to cite retail prices of food products from Embassy Moscow Despatches as originating from "unpublished materials."

4. Attached as appendixes to this memorandum are (a) a list of despatch numbers, dates, and classifications from which retail price data were obtained for the preparation of the proposed OCR reports and (b) three copies of original despatches as samples of the type of despatch from which the prices were acquired.

5. Please return the three copies of sample despatches.

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. List of despatch numbers, dates, and classifications.
2. Three sample copies of Embassy Moscow Despatches.

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